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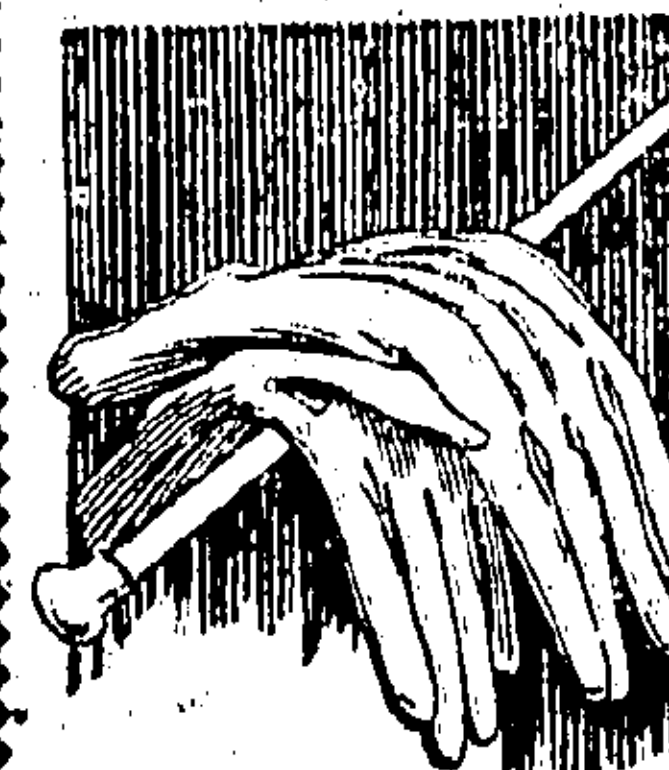
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## REIGN OF TERROR. PIRATE MINES BLOW UP CONVOYS. "INTENSIVE BROADSIDES."

Adventures of United Bandit "Tong's" Fleet.

Piracy terrors in the West River delta have taken a new form in the persistent use of mines to blow up convoys, the systematic shelling of merchant craft, and the unification of several outlaw bands for purposes of plunder.

### CHAPTER OF ATTACKS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Pakkai, Kongmoon, Dec. 18.

Mines are now regularly used by pirates in this part of the delta to attack merchant vessels. The usual modus operandi is to blow up either the launch which acts as tow to a passenger (and cargo) boat, or the conveying, speedy junk armed with heavy, if obsolete, native guns to repel attack.

All the latest piracies have occurred near the Kamchuk light-house, a prominent landmark of the locality.

In every instance the pirates used fast launches armed with quick-firers, machine-guns, a continental type of Lewis gun, improvised shrapnel and occasional field pieces converted into "naval" artillery.

As recently reported the bandit chiefs in the delta (at Taumoon, Gaemoon, and Sheung Shui Hau) have combined and formed a "Tong." Outlaws in the Sanwei and Shuntak districts are following suit and the inaugural, with due pomp, of the "Kwangtung Tong" has been announced. Such names as Chan, Yoo, Woo Kai and Un Kung are associated with the new, rival movement. To peaceful villagers the mention of their name is akin to the whisper of "Boney is coming" in the south coast of England during the Napoleonic period.

Not so long ago a "battle" between Government vessels and the pirate fleet was described as a new edition of "The Pirates of Penzance." To-day it is the real article with manoeuvres in the narrow and sharp-bending waters.

Six launches make up the new Tong's fleet, all ominously painted black, not for the "skull and crossbones" touch, but for camouflage purposes.

One such was captured, after a duel, by the gunboat "Kung Hon" which led a raid into pirate territory at Hoi Chow. Three pirates were brought back in triumph and made examples of, but the remainder of the fleet is still waging war.

Three well-known tow-boats were pirated on the same day, December 8, all Kongmoon vessels, plying to Fatsan, Shiuhing and Shekhi, respectively.

All the cargoes were taken away and a large number of passengers carried into captivity for ransom.

This morning, the Kongmoon-Canton towboat "Lee Yuen" was overcome after a running fight in which four Chinese guards were killed. Further details are awaited.

Another episode concerned the cross-river railway launch from Kungyick to Suncheong, an attack being successfully engineered in the full view of these two townships.

About ten pirates boarded the launch as passengers. The crew were forced to steer towards Ngau

### CONTRACT, BROKEN.

BANDMASTER TO SIGN BOND.

With two months more of his contract to serve, the Chinese bandmaster of Po Hing theatre, Yaumat, was ordered to sign a bond by Mr. E. W. Hamilton (at the Kowloon Magistracy) this morning, for breaking a contract with his employers.

Mr. E. H. Gifford, the proprietor's representative, prosecuted. Defendant pleaded "guilty" and agreed to sign.

### TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/4 3/16.

## MURDER TRIAL.

ALLEGED STATEMENT BY SON OF PRISONER.

POLICE METHODS QUESTIONED.

A statement alleged to have been made to the police by the son of the arrested man was read out in court to-day in the Criminal Sessions proceedings against a wood-cutter charged with the murder of an Indian constable.

The son is a schoolboy at the village of Ping Shek, New Territories, and, questioned by the police after the disappearance of his father and the murder of the constable he is alleged in this statement to have said that a man called at the house two days after his father had left, telling them that his father, had shot an Indian constable who had arrested him for cutting wood and was in hiding in Chinese territory.

He had not seen his father since the morning of July 8 (the day when the constable was murdered), further, stated the boy, according to the police note, his father was a Christian and was then reading his Bible. He (the son) understood that he was going out to cut wood.

Inspector Brewer was cross-examined by Mr. E. J. Zeily (instructed for the defence by Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton) as to this statement at the Sessions proceedings this morning. It was in his (Inspector Brewer's) handwriting and was what the interpreter told him was the reply of the boy to questions put. It was not signed by the boy as it was not considered necessary for a voluntary statement, stated Inspector Brewer.

Inspector Brewer would not agree that the questions he put to the boy were in a suggestive manner. They were straightforward. He admitted that the boy had been taken out of a cell in which he had been locked all day when the statement was made.

Questioned with regard to whether the boy was allowed to communicate with anyone whilst he was in the cell, Inspector Brewer said that the boy's mother and the local schoolmaster called at the station whilst he was in custody at the station. They brought food.

Was the boy allowed to talk to them? asked Mr. Zeily.

Inspector Brewer: No. Mr. Zeily: You stated yesterday that they spoke to the boy.

Inspector Brewer: I made a mistake. Re-examined by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith (for the Crown), Inspector Brewer said that the boy showed no signs of disinclination to make a statement.

Asked as to the boy's general demeanour during the time he was kept in the cell, Inspector Brewer said that he "seemed very happy."

His Lordship: You don't imagine that is any reason for keeping anyone at a police station, do you?

The case is proceeding.

### A "Serious Thing."

The action of the police in detaining at the police station for eight days the son of a suspected man who was thought to know the whereabouts of his father was called into question at the Criminal Sessions yesterday.

Inspector Brewer, cross-examined by Mr. E. J. Zeily admitted that the boy was kept in a cell. This was because there was no witness room.

The statement the boy eventually made as to the whereabouts of the prisoner was a voluntary one, Inspector Brewer stated, in the course of further cross-examination.

Addressing the witness His Lordship asked, "What right had you to keep this boy at the Police Station for 8 days?"

Witness: He was only kept as a witness; he had his freedom. His Lordship: Nonsense. Do you mean to say he could have left at any time he liked?

Witness replied that he could have done.

His Lordship: Is the Police Station such a pleasant place that people like to stay there for seven days? Were you instructed to keep him there?

Witness: No, your Lordship. His Lordship: Addressing the Attorney General, said, "I think it is a very serious thing. They have no right to keep people there in order to get evidence from them."

## PRICE OF WAR.

FRENCH LOSSES IN MOROCCO.

OFFICIAL FIGURES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, Dec. 23.

In the Chamber of Deputies, during the debate on the Estimates for the Ministry of War, the Under-Secretary for War announced that the French losses in Morocco since the beginning of the year have been:—

Killed ..... 2,640  
Wounded ..... 7,552  
Missing ..... 1,220

Of these the purely French casualties were:—

Killed ..... 920  
Wounded ..... 2,052  
Missing ..... 245

[The balance of casualties is made up of combatants not of French birth, besides coloured troops in Morocco.]

## RUBBER CONTROL.

A SANER PRESS TONE IN AMERICA.

AN ENQUIRY USELESS.

(Reuter's Service.)

New York, Dec. 23.

Whilst some editorials echo complaints of America being victimised over rubber, most writers take a more philosophical tone. For example, the "New York Times" expresses the opinion that a Congressional enquiry would be useless. All that the United States can do is to turn to South America or elsewhere and develop her own sources. It says: "Britain can hardly be called on to surrender out of hand advantages which her far-sighted statesmen and Empire-builders have long been preparing for her." It asks Americans to imagine their feelings if Britain were to ask them to reduce the price of cotton, oil, copper and wheat which she is compelled to buy from America.

### PAYING THE PENALTY.

London, Dec. 23.

The "Financial News" ridicules the American accusations of the British manipulation of prices of rubber. It recalls that not long ago, American manufacturers were buying at less than cost, but does not recollect any American protests against this. On the contrary, they hoped to purchase British plantations for a song. The Stevenson scheme was so constituted that Americans could be fitted with their requirements at reasonable rates, but they refused to recognise its inexorable functioning and are now paying the penalty.

## PROHIBITION.

"PUTTING TEETH INTO ENFORCEMENT."

TREATY WITH MEXICO.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Dec. 23.

The Anti-Smuggling Treaty with Mexico was signed here to-day. It goes further than the Treaty with Canada and, according to American officials, "puts the teeth into prohibition enforcement."

## HOME MAILS.

A mail from Europe via Siberia arrived this morning by the s.s. "Yingchow," which also brought the Shanghai mail.

The s.s. "President Wilson" arrived with mails from the U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai.

The weather forecast until noon tomorrow is N.E. winds, moderate to fresh, generally cloudy, some drizzle or rain.

At which a strong reference is a very serious thing. They have no right to keep people there in order to get evidence from them.

## TIENTSIN FALLS.

MARSHAL PENG'S TROOPS ENTER.

PROTECTION OF FOREIGNERS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, December 23.

Marshal Peng Yeh-shiang's troops claim that they have captured Pien-tsin, but confirmation is lacking. It is nevertheless evident that they have penetrated the defending front, which is under General Li Ching-hsi, a supporter of Marshal Chang Tso-lin.

### DEFINITE REPORT.

Shanghai, December 23.

General Peng Yeh-shiang's forces defeated the army of General Li Ching-hsi and entered Tientsin on the night of the 22nd instant. The foreign residents in Tientsin have organised a Volunteers' Corps for the protection of the foreign settlement in order to prevent the intensification of the troops of General Li Ching-hsi. "Wah Kin Yat Po."

### A DESPERATE RALLY.

Shanghai, December 24.

A wireless message from Tientsin received yesterday reports that Li Ching-hsi has again retreated almost to the city limits, where he desperately rallied his forces and subsequently advanced to Paitung, a distance of about three miles.

### MUKDEN RETREAT.

Tokyo, December 23.

A dispatch to the Foreign Office from Mukden states that Kuo Sung-ling is expected completely to defeat Chang Tso-lin in a few days. In this event, the Japanese troops contemplate turning over the city to him.

If Chang's retreating soldiers appear en route to Mukden they will be disarmed at the entrance to the six mile zone.

Japanese troops are at present guarding the western limit, but it is not expected that the retreating Chinese will object to disarmament.

The Foreign Office reiterates that the Japanese will evacuate Mukden so soon as there is no danger of further fighting and so soon as a stable Government is assured.

The War Office learns from Mukden that two brigades of Kuo Sung-ling's troops attacked Chang Tso-lin's front-line at daybreak yesterday, but failed.

A subsequent general attack, however, forced the Mukden cavalry to retreat eight miles beyond Tamington, which Kuo's troops occupied.

### CHANG'S PLANS.

Another message from Mukden states that Marshal Chang Tso-lin, yesterday morning, assembled his leading supporters and made a farewell speech, stating that reports from the front indicated that the enemy had just opened a decisive attack.

He said that if the Mukden forces were defeated, he would take refuge elsewhere, and expressed the hope that Councillor Wang, General Yang Yung-tung and Governor Wang (of Mukden Province) would follow him; whilst the other civil and military officials would remain in Mukden and endeavour to maintain peace and good order.

### MAIN ATTACK FAILS.

Shanghai, December 23.

A Japanese report from Mukden states that Kuo Sung-ling's main attack against Chang Tso-lin was launched last night and failed, and Kuo Sung-ling's forces are retreating to Hsinminfu.

### SET-BACK FOR KUO.

Tokyo, December 24.

It is reported from Mukden that Marshal Peng's troops have re-occupied Paikipo. General Kuo Sung-ling's forces are retreating, leaving guns and munitions behind. Consular reports indicate that General Kuo has received a serious setback owing to the wide advance by Marshal Chang Tso-lin.

### JAPANESE REPORT.

Tokyo, December 24.

The Foreign Office has received a report from Hsinminfu that Kuo Sung-ling's troops are affording Japanese residents full protection and that the Japanese troops in

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### CHRISTMAS.

Douglas Jerrold, the wit, said of Englishmen, that the first thing the survivors of an earthquake would do, would be to meet and hold a dinner! Here is the ingrained tendency to observe and to rejoice. It is characteristic of the nation. The wanderer, wherever he may be, takes it with him, and whether alone or in company, celebrates the occasion according to tradition. It is so with Christmas, Hongkong, does not, as an eminent writer said of another place, lie "drugged and asleep in the arms of China." It is simply another slice of Home with all the customs of Home observed as far as it is possible to do so. Spring is the season of the Awakening of Men to the realisation of the wonder and glory of this world: it is essentially the season of physical youth. In Summer we see the understanding more fully developed. Autumn is the age of mentality, the season of reflection and often of disillusionment, a time when we are often depressed. So, following in the train of the "Fall" comes the greatest and most wonderful season of all—the season not of youth nor of maturity nor of old age, but the season of Eternity. The season of boys and girls, yet, but the season of men and women, of parents, and the ancients of the family circle as well. What matters it if trade is bad, money tight, and the clouds of misunderstanding seem permanently dark

and lowering. The epoch of Laughter and Love has arrived, of holly and mistletoe, of rosy cheeks and sparkling eyes, of plum puddings and turkeys of "cumshus"—and the numerous presents sent near and far—those "bits of love made visible." How many at this time will think of the first and best Christmas story ever written or will draw the attention of the young people to it, we know not. Its Eastern origination should have an abiding appeal at this time in the misunderstanding clash of Western and Eastern thought. It is written directly and simply as its 445 words prove. It has all the colour of beautiful language; it moves without effort and yet with the quickness of life; it is poetry in the completest sense. "But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart." The kindness of the sentence and the rich knowledge of life in its simplicity! The first Christmas story and the greatest, a perpetual reminder of the basis on which the Christmas season rests and the fact that its foundation is love. We need to get back to fundamentals and to remember—not merely those of our own home circle and friends, but those whose lot is not found in pleasant places. The season is an expanding one. Tiny Tim's words suffice—"God Bless us everyone"; whilst Robert Burns in his epistle to Davie seems to have a special message for us here in Hongkong and the larger world around us:—

It's no in titles nor in rank;  
It's no in wealth like Lon'on bank  
To purchase peace and rest:  
It's no in making muckle mair;  
It's no in books; it's no in lears;  
To make us truly blest;  
If happiness has not her seat  
And centre in the breast,  
We may be wise, or rich, or great,  
But never can be blest.  
Nae treasures, nor pleasures,  
Could make us happy lang;  
The heart aye's the part aye  
That makes us right or wrang.

Then let us cheerfully acquiesce;  
Nor make our scanty pleasures less.  
By pining at our state;  
And, even should misfortunes come,  
I here wish sit has met wi' some,  
An' a thankful for them yet.  
They gie the wit of age to youth.  
They let us ken oursel;  
They make us see the naked truth,  
The real guid and ill.  
Though losses and crosses  
Be lessons right severe,  
There's wit there, ye'll get there,  
Ye'll find nae kith where.

### DOCK INITIATIVE.

### CONGRATULATIONS AT LAUNCHING.

### YESTERDAY'S SPEECHES.

Congratulatory references to the surmounting of great difficulties in the completion of the vessel within a reasonable margin of the expected date were made yesterday at the launching of the s.s. "Siang Wo," built to the order of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co.

The launching ceremony was performed by Mrs. Clementi. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Managing-Director, Jardine, Matheson & Co., in thanking the company for attending, said that the name "Siang Wo" meant "Felicity and Peace" and he could not think of a more appropriate name for a ship that was just commencing its career in the at present turbulent waters of China. Let them hope that the sentiments "Felicity and Peace" to be borne by this steamer would soon become the general state of China. (Applause.) If any of the company were likely to take a trip up the Yangtze Gorges, they could now travel from Shanghai to Hankow by the "Longwo" or "Kungwo" and, as soon as this ship was finished, complete the journey as far as Ichang, in vessels all built at this Dockyard. After that, however, they would have to proceed up the Gorges in boats built in Shanghai or at Home.

This ship should have been launched several months ago and he very much regretted that owing to the strike and boycott there had been some delay. However, in spite of all the adverse circumstances with which they had had to contend, they had been able to carry on quite well, and it was encouraging to find that their neighbours, the Taikoo Dockyard, had also been able to continue work in their Yard and were likewise launching a ship that afternoon.

### Christened By Mrs. Clementi.

He thanked Mrs. Clementi for doing them the honour of coming to launch and christen this vessel. Mrs. Clementi was known to many of them there that day, when she was in Hongkong before, and he could not think of a better way the Dock Company could have welcomed her back than by asking her to christen the first ship launched since her return and in agreeing to do so Mrs. Clementi had given evidence of the interest both she and H.E. the Governor took in the industries of Hongkong. He had very much pleasure in asking Mrs. Clementi to accept a small souvenir of the occasion, and he would ask all to join in drinking to the prosperity and success of the "Siang Wo" and her owners.

Mr. Bernard presented Mrs. Clementi with a diamond brooch, and the company drank to the success of the vessel.

Mrs. Clementi, in replying, spoke of the great pleasure it gave her to launch the good ship that afternoon. She thought it a great privilege to do so. She wished the vessel many years of work, and she hoped it would thoroughly fulfil its auspicious name.

### Indo-China Co.'s Thanks.

Mr. R. Sutherland, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., said it was his pleasant duty on behalf of the Indo-China Co., to thank the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., for having so successfully designed and launched the "Siang Wo" which, when completed would undoubtedly be a source of satisfaction to her owners. He said "undoubtedly" because they had had many years' experience of the good and honest work of the Dock Company, this being the 8th vessel contracted for with the same builders. It was certainly a matter of congratulation to the Dock Company, particularly the Executive Staff that this good ship, notwithstanding unexpected, and what at one time looked like insuperable difficulties, had been successfully launched within a reasonable margin of the expected date. Such results called for unremitting perseverance, and patience and he might say that these qualities so pronounced in their Chief Manager must stand the Company in good stead.

It was perhaps in times of stress that the Executives of the Dock, judging by his experience, reached the high-water mark of efficiency, and in combating the ever recurring chaos caused by labour troubles, typhoons, etc., and in emergency salvage operations, he had always sworn by them. It was only right to add, however, that in the ordinary routine of business, he had so far forgotten himself as to occasionally swear at them. (Laughter.) However, he could

## SHREDS AND PATCHES.

At night home to This and many a splendid deed of  
December 24, supper, and it being a like nature did Nicholas in the  
1668. now very cold and name of God, and always in secret.  
in hopes of a frost and to-day we say that he comes to  
I begin this night to put on a fill the children's stocking for the  
waistcoat, it being the first winter sake of his Master—the Lover and  
in my whole memory that ever I Saviour of all mankind.

Harry tells the follow-  
LAUDER. ing:—  
Somebody proposed to  
sing "The Village Blacksmith."  
While the vocalist was resting in  
his hotel a visitor was shown in.  
"I understand, sir," he said,  
"that you are going to sing 'The  
Village Blacksmith' at the con-  
cert to-night?"  
"That is so," said the stranger.  
"Well," said the caller, "I just  
came to say that I am the village  
blacksmith here, and I would take  
it very kindly if you could intro-  
duce into the song a few words  
which would let the folk know  
that I also repair bicycles."

Not many of these  
THE BOWLER. things seem to be  
noticed in Hong-  
kong this winter. The Outfitter,  
a journal which deals with men's  
fashions in clothes, says that the  
bowler or derby hat has had to  
take second place to the soft  
Homburg hat. The bowler has  
had quite a long history, for it  
was in the early years of the  
eighteenth century that one Wil-  
liam Bowler, a Southwark hatter,  
devised the round-crowned hard  
felt hat which was also called the  
billy-cock, or more correctly the  
bully-cock; that is, cocked after  
the fashion of the bullies. Pos-  
sibly the origin of the bowler may  
be found in a similar headgear  
worn by the Parsee gentlemen in  
Bombay, which, while just the  
same shape, has a sort of tubular  
brim instead of the flat or slightly  
curved brim as we know it.

Dead Marines:  
A DEFINITION. An empty bottle.  
A "Marine" or  
"Dead Marine" used in the days  
of hard drinking to be an accept-  
ed synonym for an empty bottle.  
synonym for an empty bottle.  
William IV, when Duke of  
Clarence and Lord High Admiral,  
at an official dinner, is related to  
have said to a waiter, pointing to  
some empty bottles:  
"Take away those 'Marines'."  
An elderly Major of Marines  
present rose and said:  
"My I respectfully ask why  
Your Royal Highness applies the  
name of the corps to which I have  
the honour to belong to an empty  
bottle?" The Duke, with the  
unfailing tact of his family, saved  
the situation. "I call them  
'Marines' because they are good  
fellows who have done their duty  
and are ready to do it again!"

assure them that their relations  
had always been of the most  
cordial nature and long might they  
remain so.  
World Shipping.  
That shipping generally was at  
its lowest ebb was world-wide  
knowledge; the depression in ship-  
building, particularly in the  
United Kingdom was such as to  
call for the most searching in-  
vestigation by experts conversant  
with our great national industries.  
This regrettable state of trade had  
resulted in some half a million  
tons of shipping being laid up in  
U.K. ports alone, and still more  
serious perhaps some 8,000  
Officers and Engineers had in  
consequence been put out of  
employment.  
There were occasions, however,  
when shipping Companies, no  
matter how inopportune the time,  
were obliged to maintain at all  
costs, valuable trade connections,  
and it was a situation such as this  
that had some time ago to be faced  
by the Indo-China Co., and which  
led to the decision to replace, or  
supplement, the old vessels operat-  
ing on the Middle Yangtze River  
between Hankow and Ichang. The  
steamers in question were the  
"Changwo" aged 24 years and the  
"Kiangwo" which was built in  
Shanghai some 24 years ago. Old  
and faithful servants; links in that  
long and important chain of trade  
extending from Chungking 1,427  
miles up the Yangtze, thence to  
Hankow, Shanghai, Hongkong and  
Canton, a transport in all of over  
2,500 miles or roughly speaking  
the distance from Hongkong to  
Australia, which illustrated the  
vastness of China's area of com-  
mercial trade. As the strength  
of the chain was weakened by the  
weakest link so they had seen fit  
to bring the tonnage on the Middle  
River up to date by acquiring the  
vessel which they had just seen so  
successfully launched.  
In wishing prosperity to the  
Dock Company, it was significant

that in times of trade depression  
the Indo-China Co., could not find  
Docks for their annual overhaul  
jobs, without the use of the old  
Aberdeen Dock, a place which at  
one time they did not regard too  
favourably and which some years  
ago might have been demolished.  
It would seem, therefore, that  
there was still a very considerable  
amount of shipping in operation  
as regards the Indo-China Co.,  
it was a source of gratification to  
know that after a protracted  
lay-up of a portion of the fleet, all  
the vessels were now more or less  
operating in their customary  
trades. He trusted that the im-  
provement would continue and  
that the Dock Co., would reap its  
benefits accordingly.

He would now ask all to drink  
to the continued prosperity of the  
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock  
Co., and he coupled this toast with  
the name of Mr. R. M. Dyer.  
The toast was cordially drunk,  
and Mr. R. M. Dyer suitably re-  
plied, and said, that though the  
last five or six months had been  
rather difficult, he was an optimist  
and was looking forward to the  
future.

### MR. ERIC RICE.

### VISIT OF OVERSEAS LEAGUE COMMISSIONER.

Sir E. Stubbs former Secretary  
Mr. Eric Rice, is well known in  
the Colony. He is now Special  
Commissioner of the Overseas  
League and has made several  
world tours in its behalf. Mr. Rice  
is coming to Hongkong and will  
be in the Colony some time next  
month when doubtless the inter-  
ests of the League in the Colony  
will receive particular attention.  
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## MISADVENTURE.

## VERDICT IN KOWLOON DOCK TRAGEDY.

## A TRIP OVER WIRE.

The death of Mr. D. A. Morris, late third engineer of the s.s. "Mausang," formed the subject of enquiry yesterday at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. E. W. Hamilton, Coroner. Mr. W. J. Edwards, G. Webber and Tsang Shiu-lun, jury.

Abrogation of the chin and head were mentioned in the course of medical evidence. Asked if these were consistent with deceased having tripped over wire or some other obstacle thus falling into the No. 1 Dock at Kowloon Dock, where his body was found floating on the night of December 5, Dr. J. T. Smalley said that it was possible these injuries were sustained in that manner.

There was nothing abnormal in the contents of the stomach and there were no signs of alcohol, further stated, Dr. Smalley. Other evidence was given by witnesses who had been with deceased within a short period of the accident and they stated that deceased had not been drinking.

Mr. G. Duncan, of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., who was on the scene shortly afterwards, gave evidence, also Mr. B. Wylie, who was dining with him at the time. Mr. Duncan, asked if he could account for the accident, said he could not. The place was beautifully illuminated by a large lamp. Witness was inclined to believe that the deceased had walked straight into the dock.

The Coroner: In mercantile docks, is it usual to put guard chains around the sides?

Witness: Only at the head of the dock, but where the steps are I do not think it is necessary and it would be in the way.

After the Coroner had sat and the jury returned a verdict of death from misadventure.

## XMAS WISHES.

## FELICITOUS MESSAGES EXCHANGED.

## HULL AND HONGKONG.

H.E. the Governor, Mr. Cecil Clementi, (M.G.), has received the following Christmas messages:

"Heartiest Christmas greetings and sincere wishes for a prosperous New Year—from the City of Hull, Lord Mayor."

The following reply has been sent by His Excellency:

Hongkong cordially reciprocates your good wishes for Christmas and the New Year."

## TEA DANCES.

## LATEST LEE GARDENS ATTRACTION.

Last evening saw the opening tea dance of the season at Lee Gardens. The tea dances are held in No. 1 House which is situated on the highest point in the Garden and giving a fine view of the harbour, which with the lights make a delightful place to have tea. Prof. Gynzales' orchestra of seven players furnish the music.

The tea dances are to be held every Wednesday from 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. and every Saturday from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The Ritz Cafe furnish the teas and the tea dance is under the management of Mr. McKenzie. The opening night was very well attended and everybody enjoyed a delightful time.

An elderly Chinese had to be taken to hospital with injuries to his legs and face when he was knocked down by a motor car at Queen's Road East, near the Grand Theatre, yesterday afternoon.

At the Central Magistracy this morning, Mr. M. W. Lo appeared for one of two Chinese charged with alleged demanding of money with menaces. Hearing was adjourned until Wednesday.

During the progress of an opium raid at Wanchoi last night, an unemployed Chinese coolie was found dead in a lane. The man had apparently attempted to escape and fell from the second floor of a house, fracturing his skull.

## YULETIDE GLOOM.

## DISTRESSING ACCIDENTS IN AMERICA.

## MANY CHILDREN KILLED.

(Reader's American Service.)

New York, Dec. 23.

Distressing accidents to children have cast a gloom over the Yuletide celebrations.

A panic was caused at a Christmas present distribution owing to a sent breaking in Erie (Pennsylvania). The children rushed the exits, and three were trampled to death, and seven others injured. When order was restored the floor was found covered with broken toys.

A mother left her three little children at home in Buffalo whilst doing her Christmas shopping. When she returned she found the children suffocated. They had procured matches and set fire to a waste-paper basket.

At Waynesburg (Pennsylvania) four volunteer firemen were killed and five injured at a disastrous fire in the business district. Several buildings were destroyed, and the damage is estimated at a million dollars.

At Belknap (Ohio) nine persons died in a fire last night in the Webb coal mine, which is attributed to a short circuit. Seventy-nine men, who were temporarily imprisoned, were rescued.

## SHANGHAI AFFAIR.

## FOLK EXONERATED BY COMMISSION.

(Reader's Service.)

Shanghai, December 23.

The Municipal Council, in a letter to the Senior Consul, dated the 21st instant, says that notwithstanding the fact that the majority of the judges forming the Commission of Enquiry Exonerate the Police from blame, Mr. McKenna, Commissioner of Police, and Mr. E. Wilson, the Inspector who was in charge of the Lanza Station at the time of the shooting, had rendered their verdict.

The Council, referring to always the fact that the people in general are of the opinion that the Commission of Enquiry is a body of men who are not impartial, and that the Commission is a body of men who are not impartial, and that the Commission is a body of men who are not impartial.

The Council further desires to express the expressions of regret at the loss of life on May 30 and as a mark of sympathy to the wounded and the relatives of those persons killed and as a cheque for \$75,000 which the Council asks you to transmit to the Chinese Foreign Commission for distribution among those concerned as a compassionate grant.

The Senior Consul, on the 21st instant transmitted the above to the Foreign Commissioner, adding: "I feel sure you will appreciate the friendly spirit which inspired the Council's action."

THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION'S REPORT is being released in Peking this afternoon. Owing to the interruption of communications, it is not expected to be in Shanghai before Christmas Day. The Council is in possession of a summary, which has not been given out.

## THREE TREATIES.

## RATIFIED BY DUTCH CHAMBER.

(Reader's Service.)

The Hague, Dec. 23.

The First Chamber has ratified the Trade Treaty with Hungary concluded on December 9, 1924; the provisional Aviation Treaty with Norway concluded in January last; and the Treaty with Finland concerning the admission of Consular officers to the Dutch East Indies, Dutch Guiana, and Curaçao.

## ESTHONIA.

## TREATY OF COMMERCE WITH U.S.A.

(Reader's American Service.)

Washington, Dec. 23.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Frank Kellogg, and the Estonian Minister have signed the American-Estonian Treaty of Commerce, which is similar to the American-German Treaty.

London, December 23.—Parliament has been prorogued. The House will re-assemble on February 2.—Rout.

## BURIED ALIVE.

## HINDU FANATIC'S WAY TO PERFECTION.

## COVERED WITH EARTH.

An astounding story, even for a land of religious fanaticism such as India, of a man who was buried alive by his own orders in the belief that he was attaining a state of perfection, was told recently to the Sessions Judge at Barabanki, near Allahabad, during the trial of Sita Ram and Bhagwandin on a charge of aiding and abetting the murder of Baba Dwarka Puri.

The Baba, a Hindu ascetic, took Samadhi (buried himself alive after suspending breath), and it was alleged that at his instance Sita Ram and Bhagwandin dug a grave into which the Baba descended and had himself covered with earth, while he continued to recite religious hymns.

The accused admitted the acts imputed to them, but their defence was that Baba Dwarka Puri was an advanced sadhu (mendicant saint), that he took what is known in Hindu philosophy as Samadhi, that they were his disciples, bound to obey his commands, and that they performed the act to help him in the attainment of a laudable religious object.

They also urged that the Baba had performed several miracles. One of the accused men said that he was suffering from leprosy of a severe type and his fingers were half consumed, and by worshipping, and doing service to the Baba his leprosy had been completely cured. Almost every prosecution witness claimed to be indebted to Baba Dwarka Puri for some blessing or other. One stated that his sister was a lunatic, and by the verbal orders of the Baba she was cured. Another claimed that his wife was suffering from palsy and was completely cured by the prayers of the Baba.

CHANTING SONGS IN HIS GRAVE. The Judge, in agreeing with the assessors and acquitting the accused, said he was not prepared to attach much weight to the alleged miracles, but what surprised him most was the fact that Baba Dwarka Puri was stated by all the prosecution witnesses to have quite voluntarily and happily suffered this self-imposed ordeal. From the prosecution witnesses he also gathered that the Baba had not struggled to come out of the grave, and to the very last was not found to have displayed any feeling of pain or anxiety, as was commonly observed before extinction of life in a case of suicide. The Baba was said to have preserved his consciousness to the last moment, chanting his religious songs. This utter indifference of the Baba to his body and the bodily suffering which would ordinarily result from a man placed under similar circumstances, led the Judge to infer that no man, covered with earth like the Baba could live beyond three minutes and a half if he were only an ordinary human being, but on the authority of medical jurisprudence, it had been stated that in the case of suspended animation, a man had been found to have survived underground up to 33 days.

Commenting on the essential requisites of samadhi, the Judge said:

"There is, however, no doubt in my mind that a samadhi is quite distinct from a suicide. A samadhi, as it is ordinarily understood, is one of the highest goals of the Hindu Religion. It is intended to prolong man's life through suspended animation, in which state he remains capable of meditation, and thereby he is supposed to keep his endeavours for the attainment of immortality. A successful instance of such advanced samadhi practice probably is out of the memory of living humanity, and we may seriously doubt if Baba Dwarka Puri attained such state of perfection by putting himself inside the samadhi as he is alleged to have done. But in the present case we are not concerned with his fate at all. If once we hold that his motive, as suggested by his determination and overt acts, was not of suicide but something else not falling within the provisions of the penal code, the accused persons cannot be punished for abetment of a criminal offence."

Two children were at a tea-party. It was evident from the tears of one of them that something was wrong. "What is it, Margaret, dear?" asked her mother, anxiously. "I don't want to sit next to Mary," wailed Margaret. "But why not, dear?" "Well," said Margaret, "she got freckles," and "I might catch them."

## "DON Q."

## DOUG, AT HIS VERY BEST.

## QUEEN'S GREAT PICTURE.

From the sublime to the delightfully ridiculous, exclaimed a critic in a Home paper. "What a boy this Pinbanks is! And what an infectious 'Don-is-home-for-the-holidays' spirit he distils! Forgetting Baghdad and the Damascus scene, he hurries us this time to Spain, where the candles are."

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## NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Queen's College Old Boys' Association will be held in the Hall of Queen's College on WEDNESDAY, the 30th of December, 1925, at 5.30 p.m. for the following purpose:—

1. To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the resolution that the financial year of the Association shall extend from 1st of January to 31st of December in each year and to amend Rule 4 of the Constitution accordingly.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held immediately after the Extraordinary General Meeting referred to above for the following purposes:—

1. To receive the General Committee's report and Statement of Accounts for the Financial Year ending 30th November, 1925.  
2. To elect the Officials for the year 1925-1926.  
3. To transact any other business.

By Order of the General Committee.

C. G. ANDERSON,

Hon. Secretary.

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## HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A SPECIAL MEETING of Members of the above Society and all those interested in Horticulture will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 7th January, 1926, at 5.30 p.m., with a view to deciding whether the ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW should be held next year or not.

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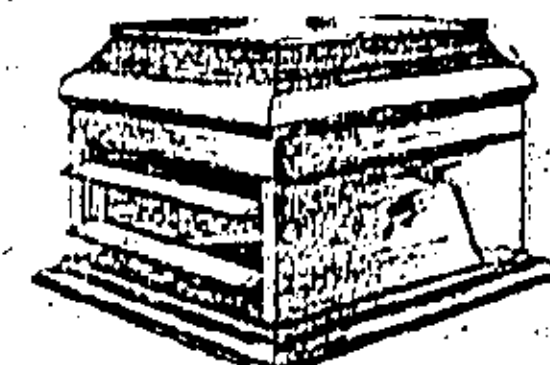
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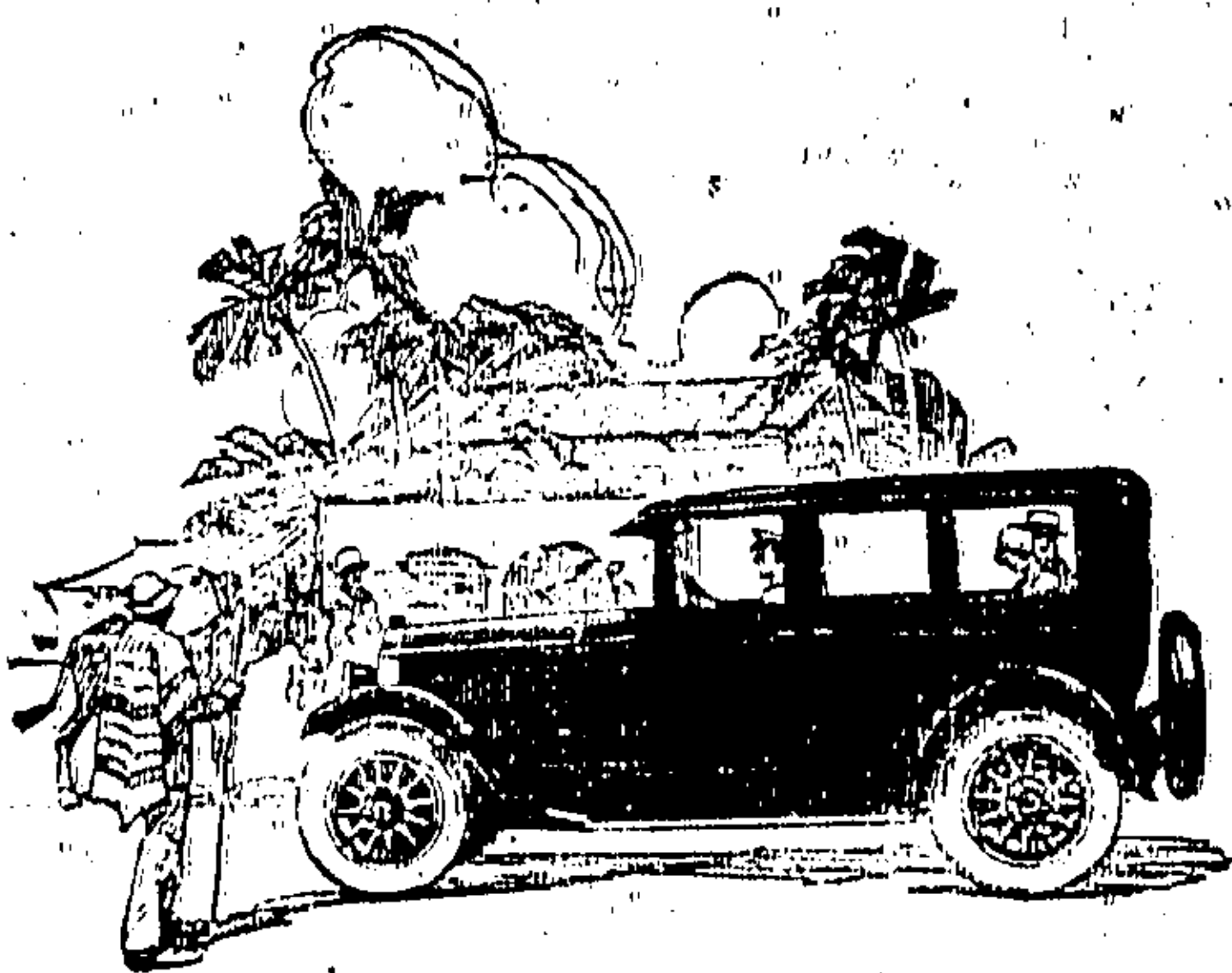
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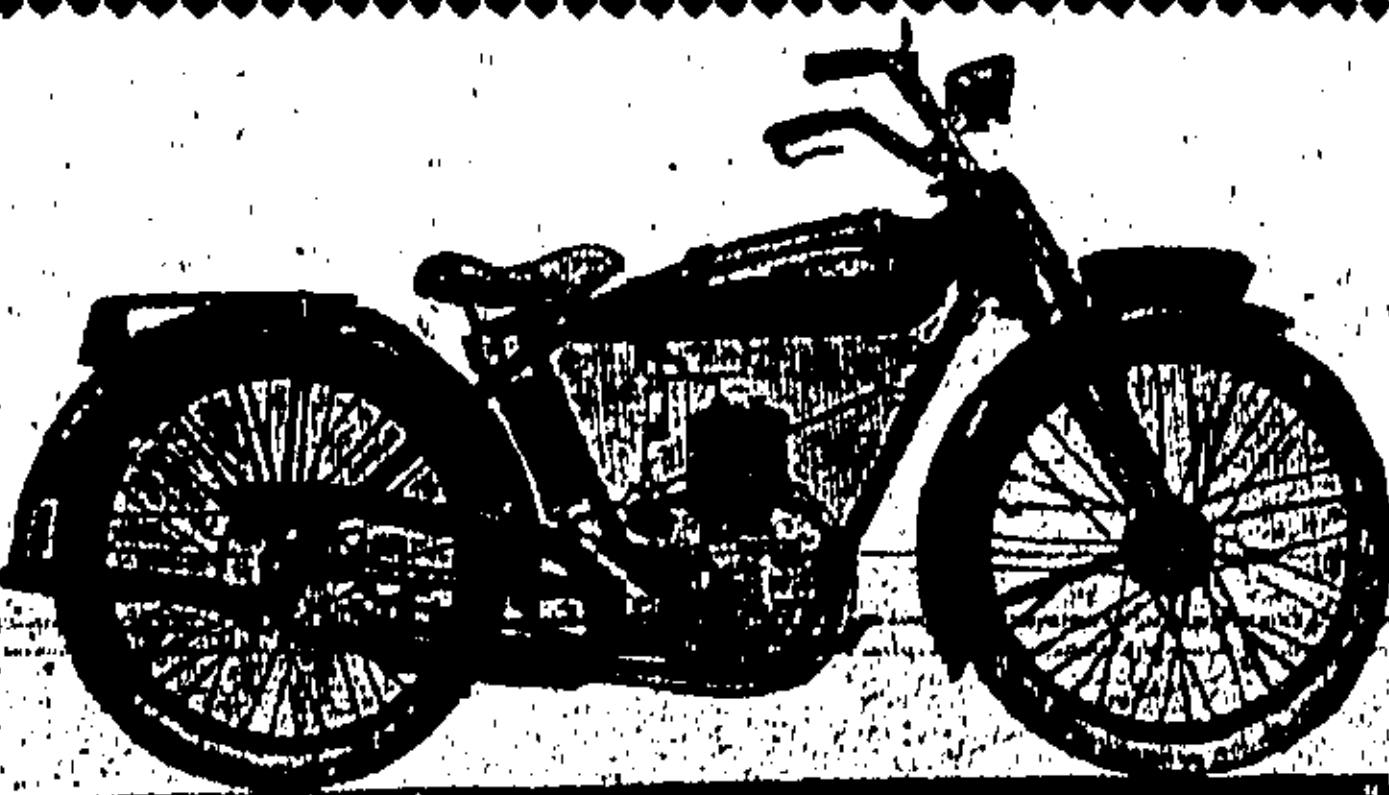
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The "China Mail" will not be published to-morrow, Christmas Day, but will appear again as usual on Saturday.

To-morrow, Christmas Day, there will be services at 8.15 a.m. and 11 a.m. in St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon. On Sunday at 6 p.m. there will be a Christmas carol service and organ recital.

Home and Europe mail via Siberia by the s.s. "Yingchow" amounts to 32 bags, while the total number of bags, including Shanghai mail, is 271.

Tokyo Municipality distributed a large number of "chan-cha" or sleeveless kimonos to poor persons in Tokyo who are more than 70 years old on December 20. Other gifts were made to other aged persons by city officials. All the gifts were accompanied with greetings from Mayor Nakamura.

Wilfred King, manager of the Bombay skating rink, charged with the illicit sale of cocaine valued at Rs. 54,000 to the Excise Inspector Navalkar, who posed as an up-country buyer, was sentenced on December 1 by the third Presidency Magistrate to nine months' rigorous imprisonment and Rs. 1,000 fine.

"The Chinese Theatres Handbook," a booklet by Mr. B. S. Allen, has just been published in Peking by "La Librairie Française." The originality and interest of this work, which has been expressly written to enable foreigners to understand the Chinese stage will make it popular both with the general public and the lovers of Chinese art; for, up to the present very little attention has been paid to drama of this country and very little information can be obtained on the subject from foreign literature. Mr. Allen explains also many of the conventions and symbols of this art, such as the waving of a tasseled wand to show that the actor is on horseback and the mounting of a chair to secure invisibility.

"Don Q." at the Queen's Theatre provides a first-rate holiday attraction.

The return of Notifiable Diseases for the 24 hours ended Tuesday, shows one Chinese case of enteric fever.

The return of Chinese immigrants arriving in Singapore in November was 14,820, and the number of male adults for the year to date 132,688. The number of deck passengers who left Singapore during November was 8,407 and the total to date 69,275.

The St. Andrew's Young Men's Club have arranged to hold the annual Kowloon Marathon Race on Monday, March 1. The distance of the race will be about 6 1/2 miles, and the event is open to all Europeans in the Colony. Three silver prize cups will be awarded and entries have to be sent to Secretary before February 20.

Upon request by the Social Bureau of the Japanese Department of Home Affairs, 86 colleges, universities, and higher technical schools have compiled reports on the employment situation of those who were graduated last March. Among graduates numbering 9,208, 6,133 graduates were given positions, while 804 graduates from higher technical schools entered graduate schools. The remaining 2,271 graduates are without positions.

The Russian universities and higher technical schools, which are now opening their doors for another year of study, report an enrollment of 18,100 students, as against 15,000 last year. This represents a certain measure of recovery after the very sharp cutting down in the number of admissions which took place last year because of the physical inability of the universities to care for the proper education of the crowds of students who poured in during the early years of the Revolution. It is reported that a majority of the students show an interest in technical and natural scientific courses.

The Fire and Marine Insurance offices will be closed to the transaction of public business to-morrow and Saturday.

Members of St. John's Cathedral congregation are being invited to attend special services on Sunday next—which is St. John's Day.

Subscribers to the Tokyo Radio Broadcasting Station have been increasing rapidly. A check-up compiled November 15, showed 111,923 subscribers of which there are 56,570 in Tokyo, 80 in Hachioji, and 41,566 in suburbs. The J.O.A.K. in the meantime is to launch another campaign to increase the number to 150,000.

The loan which the Soviet Government recently floated for the reconstruction of Russian industry has yielded favourable results in the shape of advance orders for shares to the value of 800,000,000 rubles. The proceeds of this loan are designed to furnish badly needed capital for the installation of new machinery and the building of new factories.

Three million pounds of copper are used every year in the manufacture of the common pin and the safety pin, the delegates to the National Hardware Association of the United States were told by Harry H. R. Spofford of the Copper and Brass Research Association, New York. Copper is the only material selling at its pre-war price, and even just below that level, he avowed. This is possible because the production made necessary during the war has been continued.

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## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

An enjoyable dance was held in the Gymnasium at Police Headquarters last night under the auspices of the Police Recreation Club. Dancing began at 9 p.m. and was continued into the small hours of the morning. Many of the dancers were in costumes of a varied and original character.

Miss W. I. Griffin of the C.M.S. Mission; Rev. N. V. Holward, Chaplain to the Bishop of Victoria; Mr. H. C. Lowick and Mr. F. Sutton, both of the P.W.D., and Mr. C. G. Perdue of the Criminal Investigation Department, are passengers for Hongkong in the "Karmala," which left London on Friday last.

Mr. Taguchi, Secretary to the House of Representatives, has returned to Tokyo from a tour abroad. Upon instructions by the Government, he inspected possibilities for broadcasting of the Diet discussions by radio. Apparently his reports have not been received favourably by the Tokyo Radio Broadcasting Station.

Japan is to learn etiquette from the movies. The Department of Education has laid plans to launch a campaign for the instruction of the public to begin in February. A committee composed of 20 leading educators met on December 20 to set up standards of social etiquette on the outline drafted by the Department. A statement by the Department declares that the Japanese people are lacking in social etiquette because the emphasis of education has been placed upon family rank rather than upon social contacts.

A children's party was given by the Peak Hotel yesterday when a large crowd of youngsters the majority, being under ten, were entertained to tea and a Christmas tree and had a delightfully happy time. The tea tables were laden with the good things dear to the hearts of the young folk, including a plentiful supply of bon-bons, and subsequently each child received a present from the Christmas tree together with a Christmas stocking, a basket of sweets and a balloon. Captain Walker acted the part of Father Christmas and Mrs. Jenkins, the Manageress of the hotel, presided over affairs generally and worked untiringly to make the gathering the success it was.

Mischa Levitzki has been giving a series of successful piano recitals in Japan. He has left for a tour in America.

Sir Edward Elgar, the new Beethoven Gold Medalist, has in his garden a tree that recalls the esteem in which he is held in Germany. Before the war he went to Dusseldorf to conduct a performance of his "Gerontius," and was publicly presented with a laurel wreath of such generous dimensions that it had to be sent to him as special freight. When it reached his Hereford home it was withered and yellow, but Sir Edward planted a cutting from the wreath in his garden, which grew into a fine bay tree, and when he moved to Hampstead this tree was transplanted to his new home.

Mr. C. W. Bowerman, M.P., who is one of the delegates with the Empire Press Union on the visit to Australia, writes home. "During one of the long train journeys across Australia Viscountess Burnham, whose husband is president of the Empire Press Union, walked down the corridor of the train and asked all those delegates who were bachelors or, through force of circumstances, were travelling without their wives, whether they required any socks darned or buttons sewn on, or such like." She explained that this was an art to which she had been brought up since childhood, and she would be only too pleased to help any unfortunate delegate.

The "Yushin" says: "It is reported that Dr. John R. Mott, of America, will make his sixth visit to Japan arriving on the 17th instant. The last time he visited Japan Dr. Mott presented to the Imperial Family a set of gold tableware, contributed much money towards Japan's social enterprises, and was received in audience by his Majesty the Emperor. It is said that at the coming visit America's living Christ will be decorated by the Prince Regent. At the time of the Kwanto catastrophe he raised for the earthquake sufferers ¥2,000,000 from among the devotees. Premier, Viscount Kato, Baron Shidehara, the Foreign Minister, and other leading statesmen, religiousists, and business men are preparing to welcome the well-known visitor for a week."

Shanghai ladies are to have an opportunity to learn the art of fencing.

Mr. T. K. Chak, who has been running six troops of Boy Scouts, is resting under medical advice.

Mr. A. Kirk, has resigned his S. M. Ship of the 3rd Troop of Boy Scouts, but is to act as its Treasurer.

Mrs. Mary Walton has died at Leeds, aged 105. She celebrated her birthday in May, when she received the King's congratulations and was visited by the Lord Mayor of Leeds. Born at Bath in 1820, her father was a professional singer, and her first husband a travelling showman, by whom she had 23 children. Forty years ago, on the death of her husband, she married a Leeds photographer. Her grandchildren number 170.

Dr. Inazo Nitobe, Deputy Secretary-General to the League of Nations at Geneva, who is at present in England lecturing on behalf of the League, is described as a man with a perfect "platform manner" and a strong sense of humour. He speaks almost faultless English, and has a way of halting impressively before the more crucial utterances in his speeches. At home Dr. Nitobe is an important personage at the University of Tokyo, but until recently he had not visited Japan for six years.

Richard Barthelmess paid a visit to Sing Sing prison for the laudable purpose of presenting a number of cash prizes for critical reviews of his new film, "The Beautiful City." The prisoners, who viewed the picture some weeks ago expressed themselves in no uncertain terms on the subjects of robbery, "bells" and prison life, all of which play extensive roles in the film story. James Dunn, winner of the first prize, called the Automat pay-roll theft, "a bit of flawless workmanship and deserving of congratulations from the fraternity of 'Grifters.'"

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## "CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

## CARTLIDGE LOSES.

## UNSATISFACTORY BOXING CONTEST.

## MORRIS WINS EVEN BOUT.

Marred to a great extent in that it became more of a wrestling bout than a boxing contest, the main event at last night's tournament between Cartlidge and Morris was a disappointment in some respects although the fight finished amid great excitement. Morris, the heavier of the two in this catchweight match, was given the decision on points, the announcement being met with prolonged cheering. A draw, however, might have been more appropriate, as the margin of points must have been exceedingly small. It would be interesting to know the exact award by the two judges and the referee.

Six of the seven items went the full distance, the sport therefore lasting till a late hour. Some heavy punching and spirited fighting was seen in the preliminaries and the boxing was quite good on the whole.

## MAIN EVENT.

Stoker Norman Morris (H.M.S. "Hermes") beat Chief Petty Officer "Jim" Cartlidge, the Colony's lightweight champion, (H.M. Naval Yard) on points. As expected Cartlidge set a rattling pace from the first going and was still ahead on points at the end of the 12th round. The 13th saw Morris win fairly comfortably. Morris had a big superiority in the 14th in which Cartlidge was knocked about and the last round also went to the stoker. Morris won these last three rounds by bigger margins than Cartlidge ever secured in any earlier period. This may have just swung the balance round in Morris's favour to the extent of getting him the verdict.

There was not one round in which there was not a superfluity of clinching. At a disadvantage in weight and reach, Cartlidge made it his business to do most of the leading, nip in and score, and then concentrate on in-fighting. Except when Jim was palpably tired—and even distressed in the 14th when Morris rocked him once or twice with all his weight behind his deliveries—he more than held his own. When it came to holding for any period each man would try and work his head under the other's until the referee, Mr. A. Murdoch, had to step between them and enforce his orders.

In the early stages Cartlidge was convincingly speedier both with his hands and in footwork. He was warned in rounds 1 and 2 for holding when his ringcraft secured him the merest shade of points.

Cartlidge's slipping and ducking were the feature of round 3 but the catch-as-catch-can business predominated. Rounds 4, 5 and 6 saw Cartlidge on the aggressive, scoring cleverly with both hands. Morris's strong point was his headwork and countering.

In round 8 Morris began to assert himself. Both got home with the right, Morris the heavier. The pace began to tell on Cartlidge who still held his own but boxed with fine generosity. Morris's left eye began to show signs of wear in round 11 with Cartlidge "coming back" nicely and winning the round.

Using his crouch to jump in with all his weight, Morris found the mark with both hands in rounds 13 and 14. Cartlidge being warned again in the latter. Jim made a determined effort to hang on towards the end relying on his ringcraft to see him through. Many of Morris's onslaughts were evaded or taken on the gloves. Clinches and holding made for very little open boxing but what there was of range work went to Morris. The "house" expressed disapproval but cheered the verdict.

## THE MINOR BOUTS.

The main event was under N.S.C. rules but with two judges and a referee. The preliminaries were each of six rounds, under I.S.B.A. rules (with two judges and a referee) by which the count is silent. All bouts were of 2-minute rounds.

Bowles v. Hills. Drummer Bowles, 128 lbs. (H.M.S. "Hermes") knocked out Marine Hills, 128 lbs. (H.M.S. "Hermes") in round 2.

Crouching so as to get in through his opponent's longer reach, Bowles sent Hills down in round 1 but the going intervened. Round 2 saw Hills groggy and the fight was soon over.

Referee: Dr. E. P. Minett.

## HOLIDAY SOCCER.

## "SUNDAY HERALD" CHARITY MATCHES.

## INTERNATIONAL TOURNEY.

Football fixtures for the holidays, both under the auspices of the "Sunday Herald" international charity competition, are as follows:—

Christmas Day (Friday):—England v. China, kick-off 11 a.m.

Boxing Day (Saturday):—Scotland v. Portugal, kick-off 4 p.m.

Both matches on the H.K.F.C. ground, Happy Valley.

There will be one change in the England team as previously announced. Mason (Kowloon) has had an injury to his wrist. Howard (Club) takes his place and will play inside right. The team, therefore, is:—

Wavish: Wheeler, Wynne; Mitchell, Sims (captain), Watson; Charlesworth, Howard, Humberstone, Butler, Macklesworth.

In the first round of the Kowloon Golf Championship, W. J. Carroll beat R. Johnson, R. Meldrum beat E. A. Beaumont, J. O. McLaggan beat W. McG. Davies, J. H. Gelling beat C. Eareo, T. E. Jones w.o. from A. S. Burford, W. J. Shenon beat A. Brooksbank, W. Paterson beat F. E. Lawrence, F. E. Remedios beat A. W. Brown, J. D. Thomson beat A. W. de Rosier, A. W. Roberts beat V. C. Labrum, S. Petheram beat S. J. Jordani, J. H. Bottomley w.o. from F. Oliver.

Gardner v. Major. A better defence and effective style gave A.B. Gardner, 126 lbs. (H.M.S. "Hermes") the verdict over Harry Major, 124 lbs. (Hongkong).

Major worked hard to connect with his vicious right hook or swing but the right side of his head was unguarded. In the latter half Gardner boxed more confidently but he did not win by much.

Referee: Dr. E. P. Minett. Baker v. Emmerson. L.S. Baker, 140 lbs. (H.M.S. "Hermes") had previously defeated Ldg. Tel. Emmerson, 142 lbs. (H.M.S. "Marazion") but they boxed draw after a rattling contest last night.

Emmerson was the stockier and slower, relying on swings at long range. In round 3 Emmerson caught Baker with a lovely right pinning his man to the corner. Baker, however, fought back surprisingly well and was the better man at the finish as Emmerson was tired.

Referee: Mr. W. Logan. Jackson v. Morrell. A.B. Jackson, 145 lbs., beat Stoker Morrell, 156½ lbs., on points (both of H.M.S. "Hawkins").

Morrell started confidently. Although he seemed to score often he was either flicking his man or hitting with an open glove. Jackson gradually "found" himself and proved the better boxer. He uses the right-arm-forward stance and was the neater, never being hurried by Morrell's rushes.

Referee: Com. J. G. Bower, R.N.

Pearce v. Miller. A.B. ("Dusty") Miller, 162 lbs. (H.M.S. "Hermes") disappointed against A.B. Pearce, 159 lbs. (H.M.S. "Hawkins") putting up a poorer show than he did last month.

With the confidence of a previous victory behind him Pearce was uncertain in his attacks. The old 'un was tactical but much too slow to do what he tried. Pearce won practically every round.

Referee: Mr. A. Murdoch.

Barber v. Valentine. Pie Barber, 139 lbs. (I.E. Surrey) beat A.B. Valentine, 141 lbs. (H.M.S. "Hermes") on points.

Valentine was another south-paw. Barber kept his right in reserve, held low down. With a left parry and a rush, he waged a continual offensive and did all the leading but often missed as Valentine was slippery. Now and then, especially in the first two or three rounds, Valentine scored nicely. The bout became a running contest towards the end, causing much amusement, but neither boxer was ever taken.

Referee: Com. J. G. Bower, R.N.

A Challenge. Able Seaman Ewin (H.M.S. "Hermes"), welterweight champion of the Colony, challenged the winner of the Jackson v. Morrell contest (won by Jackson).

## RUGBY INTERPORT.

## HONGKONG TEAM SAILED YESTERDAY.

## FIRST JAPANESE XV.

Yesterday Hongkong's interport rugby team sailed on the "President McKinley" for Shanghai. Full details were given in Tuesday's "China Mail."

The Keio University rugby team left Tokyo on December 22 for Shanghai to participate in the Christmas games there.

The tour, which is made at the invitation of the Shanghai club marks the first step of a Japanese rugby team in the international field.

The members of the team are:—FW—Iwashi, Kobayashi, Nakamura, Yoshimoto, Suzuki (MF), Miyachi, Takahashi, Kadohira, Miyake, Ishikawa.

HB—Hagiwara, Kishida, Suzuki (G). TB—Kotabe, Yamaguchi, Tsutsumi, Hamada, Maruyama, FB—Takano, Tomizawa.

Managers—Majima, Masuda.

After four holiday games, according to the present schedule, the team will leave Shanghai on December 31 or January 2. On the way home, the team is scheduled to play two Kwansai teams.

The complete schedule so far decided follows:—

December 26—Keio vs. Shanghai.

December 28—Shanghai vs. Hongkong.

December 30—Keio vs. Hongkong.

January 4—Keio vs. All Kynshu.

January 10—Keio vs. All Kwansai.

## LOCAL CRICKET.

## SCHEDULE OF HOLIDAY FIXTURES.

## TWO "MARRIED V. SINGLE."

The Hongkong Cricket Club and the Army meet in a two-day cricket match in the triangular tournament. Besides this match there are two others fixed for Christmas Day and four for Boxing Day, all friendly games.

## CHRISTMAS DAY.

Hongkong C.C. v. Army on the H.K.C.C. ground.

University 1st XI v. Royal Navy 1st XI on the University ground.

Indian Recreation Club, Married v. Single, on the I.R.C. ground.

BOXING DAY. Hongkong C.C. v. Army on the H.K.C.C. ground (continued).

Kowloon C.C. 1st XI v. Royal Artillery on the K.C.C. ground.

Police "R.C." Footballers v. Cricketers, on the P.R.C. ground. University 2nd XI v. Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI on the University ground.

Craigengower C.C., Married v. Single, on the C.C.C. ground.

## HOW THEY STAND.

## LOCAL LEAGUE SOCCER TABLES.

An interesting stage has been reached now in the middle of the soccer season. The league tables to date are:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	P.	Goals
Kowloon	8	0	0	0	23	7	12
H.K.F.C.	8	0	0	0	8	11	11
South China	8	0	0	0	8	10	10
Beaconsfield	8	0	0	0	10	10	10
Surrey	8	0	0	0	14	0	8
Artillery	7	2	1	0	0	17	5
Tamar	7	0	0	0	5	18	4
Polytechnic	10	1	0	0	10	3	0

## Div. II (Sec. A).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	P.	Goals
South China "A"	7	7	0	0	11	2	11
Kowloon Reserves	8	0	1	0	0	13	13
Surrey Reserves	8	0	0	0	0	13	13
R.A. Reserves	8	0	0	0	0	13	13
Drummers	11	4	1	0	22	9	9
St. Joseph's	8	1	3	0	5	21	6
Rejoice "A"	8	1	1	0	6	23	3
H.K.F.C. Reserves	8	0	0	0	7	28	1

## Div. II (Sec. B).

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	P.	Goals
South China "B"	8	5	1	0	14	5	11
University	7	5	1	0	10	11	11
St. J's Reserves	8	2	0	0	12	10	10
Drummers Reserves	8	5	2	0	13	12	12
St. J's Boarders	8	3	2	0	13	12	7
St. Joseph's "B"	8	3	0	0	9	11	8
Kowloon "B"	8	1	0	0	11	2	2
Kowloon "C"	8	0	2	0	12	2	2
Kowloon "D"	7	0	1	0	3	18	1

On Boxing Day Craigengower C.C. will host a game at 5.30 p.m. and "Children's Day" will be held at the Civil Service C.C.

A "one club" competition will be held at the Kowloon Golf Club on Boxing Day. Players may select any club they choose.

Competition to be decided on strokes less handicap allowance.

## HOME SOCCER.

## SCOTTISH FIRST LEAGUE RESULT.

## THE TABLE TO DATE.

## (Routledge's Service.)

London, Dec. 23. In the Scottish Football League (div. 1), Cowdenbeat beat Queen's Park by 7 goals to 3.

The league table now stands:—

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.A.	P.	Goals
Celtic	18	13	2	3	45	17	28
St. Mirren	20	11	4	5	32	24	26
Falkirk	19	12	2	5	36	28	26
Airdrieonians	19	12	1	6	48	25	25
Hearns	20	11	3	6	37	27	25
Rangers	20	11	1	8	41	26	23
Motherwell	20	9	5	6	33	24	23
Hamilton	19	9	4	6	43	31	22
Cowdenbeat	9	3	7	49	38	21	21
Dundee	21	8	5	8	27	30	21
Aberdeen	21	7	4	10	33	34	18
Kilmarnock	19	6	4	9	32	45	16
Dundee U.	19	6	4	9	24	37	16
Morton	18	6	4	8	23	36	16
Park T.	18	5	5	8	32	37	15
R. H. R.	19	7	1	11	20	36	15
Hibernians	19	5	3	11	33	39	13
Queen's Park	20	6	1	13	41	47	13
St. Johnstone	19	5	3	11	21	42	13
Clydebank	19	4	3	12	30	45	11

## SURREYS' DOUBLE.

## UNITED SERVICES SOCCER FINALS.

In both the senior and junior divisions of the United Services football, the 1st East Surrey Regt. proved victorious yesterday when the finals were decided at Sookkumpoo.

The Regt. Reserves beat Staff and Departments by 2-nil in the junior.

In the senior the Regt. 1st XI defeated the R.A. by 7-1. Goal-scorers were:—Humberstone, Humberstone, Butler, Miles (R.A.); second half:—Butler, Butler (penalty), Franklin, Humberstone.

In the absence of the a/G.O.C., Major R. S. Paton (chairman, United Services Football League), presented the senior shield, junior cup, and silver cups to members of the winning teams.

Thanks were offered to Major Paton, Mr. May, Q.M.S., Charlesworth and Q.M.S. Steele (the Garrison Recreation Club hon. secretary).

London, Nov. 25.—Miss Helen Wills, the American lawn tennis champion, is travelling to Europe to take part in the tournaments on the Riviera. She is competing in the Beaulieu Tournament, for which Mlle. Lengien has entered.



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## "ASHES" HOPES.

## GREAT CRICKETER ON OUR CHANCES.

## SHOULD HAVE STRONG TEAM.

## (Times of Ceylon.)

London, December 3.

Prince Ranjitsinhji, interviewed prior to proceeding to India via Marseilles to-day, said he was looking forward to returning for the Test Matches (next year) and adding, and said that as regards cricket he was prejudiced as he knew England's possible teams so well.

She had been gaining in strength and talent since the war and she was now one better than in 1914. The team should be a very strong one, and he had high hopes of England capturing "the Ashes."

"Much depends," he said, "on the wickets, but a bit of good luck is due."

Referring to the agitation in some quarters for the early appointment of the Test Captain, Ranjitsinhji said he saw no advantage in appointing the Captain at least for 3 or 4 months yet, and added that the Australians, should not be unduly perturbed, and he thought they would not be.

## RANJIT'S NEPHEW HONOURED.

London, December 4. K. S. Duleepsinhji has been elected a member of the famous Hawks Club, which is a select body of "Light Blue" athletes, the qualification for which is a University "Blue" or more than one college or school cap for field games.

It is understood that the only other Indian ever elected was Ranji.

[Note:—Duleepsinhji is a Cambridge cricketer. He is a nephew of the famous Ranji.]

## JACK FROST.

## HOW HOME SPORT WAS HELD UP.

## NEWS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

## (Times of Ceylon.)

London, December 4. With a thick fog over the whole country, combined with frost, the prospects of sport to-morrow are faint.

Many "rigger" matches have already been scratched. Racing at Kempton was impossible to-day. The Cambridge trial eights were frozen out.

Skating is in full swing almost everywhere.

## LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

## OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 24, 1925, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers' Society.
T.T. on London	2 1/4	2 1/4	2 1/4
T.T. on Shanghai	7 1/2	7 1/2	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1000 b. 98 1/2	\$990 n.	\$985 b. & a.
do. London.	124 n.	—	123 1/2 n.
Chartered Bank	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2 n.
do. C.	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2 n.
P. & O. Bank	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2 n.
Bank of East Asia	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2 n.
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	600 n.	600 n.	\$600 b.
China Underwriters	254 b.	254 b.	254 n.
North China Insurance	T 140 n.	T 140 n.	T 140 n.
Union Insurance	254 n.	254 b.	\$253 b.
Yangtze Insurance	35 b.	36 b.	36 b.
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	160 n.	160 b.	\$200 n.
H.K. Fire Insurance	600 n.	600 n.	590 n.
Shipping.			
Douglases	15 s.	32 b.	36 s.
Hongkong Steamboats	23 n.	23 n.	22 s.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	4 1/2 s.	4 1/2 n.	4 s.
Indo-China (Pref.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) L/d.	65/ s.	—	65 s.
do. (Hk.)	65/ s.	40 n.	—
Oriental Navigation	\$250 n.	255 n.	—
Shell Transport	96/ b.	97/6 b.	97/6 b.
Star Ferries	\$59 n.	60 s.	\$60 s.
Water-boats	18 b.	16 n.	16 b.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	31 n.	31 b.	31 n.
Malabon Sugars	48 n.	35 s.	50 n.
Mining.			
Benguet	100 x.d. n.	—	254 n.
Kallang Mining Ad.	45/ n.	52/ n.	47/6 n.
Langkats (Combined)	T 33 1/2 n.	T 34 1/2 n.	T 34 1/2 n.
do. (Single)	20 n.	21 n.	21 n.
Shanghai Exploration	545 n.	545 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	8 n.	8 n.	—
Raub	\$5.80 n.	60 1/2 n.	7 s.
Tromps Mines	58/ n.	60/ n.	60/ n.
Ural Caspian	8/ n.	—	7/ n.
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$130 n.	\$134 n.	\$128 b.
H.K. & W. Docks	56 b.	56 b.	56 b.
Hongkows	T 165 b.	—	T 167 1/2 b.
New Engineerings	7 b.	T 7 b. & sa.	7 b.
Shanghai Docks	114 b.	114 b.	115 b.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old)	\$9 n.	8 3/4 s.	9 n.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Hongkong Lands	68 3/4	67 s.	65 s.
H.K. Realty	5 b. 5 1/2 s.	5 3/4 n.	5 1/2 b.
H.K. Territorials	54 b.	5 b.	6 b.
Humphreys Estates	14 n.	13 1/2 b.	14 1/2 s.
Princes Building	150 n.	150 s.	—
Rural Lands	7 s.	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T 10 s.	T 10 s.	T 10 1/4 s.
Oriental	3 1/2 s.	3 1/2 s.	3 1/2 s.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	62 s.	66 s.	65 s.
do. (new)	31 s.	38 s.	35 s.
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	\$7 1/4 n.	\$7 s.	\$ 7 s.
Cements (comb.)	15 1/4 n.	15, 10 s.	15 1/2 s.
do. (old)	12 1/2 n.	12 n.	12 1/2 s.
do. (new)	3 n.	3 n.	3 n.
China Buses	T 10 1/2 b.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	10 1/2 s.	18 s.	18 s.
do. (old)	15, 10 n.	13 s.	13 s.
do. (new)	10, 6 s.	10 s.	10 s.
China Prov. (comb.)	32 1/2 s.	—	—
do. (old)	8 3/4 s.	8 3/4 s.	8 1/2 s.
do. (new)	8 3/4 s.	—	—
Dairy Farms	17 3/4 s.	17 1/4 s.	35 s.
Der A Wing (full pd.)	10 n.	10 n.	—
do. (part pd.)	—	5 n.	—
Hongkong Amusements	10 1/2 b.	10 b.	—
H.K. Constructions	1, 00 b.	2 1/4 b.	4 s.
Hongkong Electric	53 3/4 n.	52 1/2 b.	53 s.
H.K. Developments	30 cis. b.	30 n.	40 s.
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	40 s.	—	40 s.
do. (old)	13 1/4 n.	13 1/2 s.	14 s.
do. (new)	8 1/4 n.	8 1/2 s.	8 1/4 s.
Hongkong Tramways	22 3/4 b.	22 1/2 b.	22 1/4 b.
Jane, Crawfords	12 3/4 b.	12 1/2 n.	13 s.
Macao Electric	40 n.	—	—
Macintosh	21 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	12, 10 b.	—
Peak Trams (old)	15 1/2 b.	15 1/2 b.	16 s.
do. (new)	8 n.	8 n.	9 s.
Sinceres	11 s.	10 b.	10 s.
Singapore Trams	—	8 1/2 n.	—
Taxi	5 s.	5 s.	5 s.
United Asbestos	20 n.	—	—
do. (Founders)	—	600 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	18 n.	—
Watsons (old)	14 s.	12 1/2 s.	14 s.
do. (new)	13 s.	—	—
Wm. Powells	13 s.	—	12 s.



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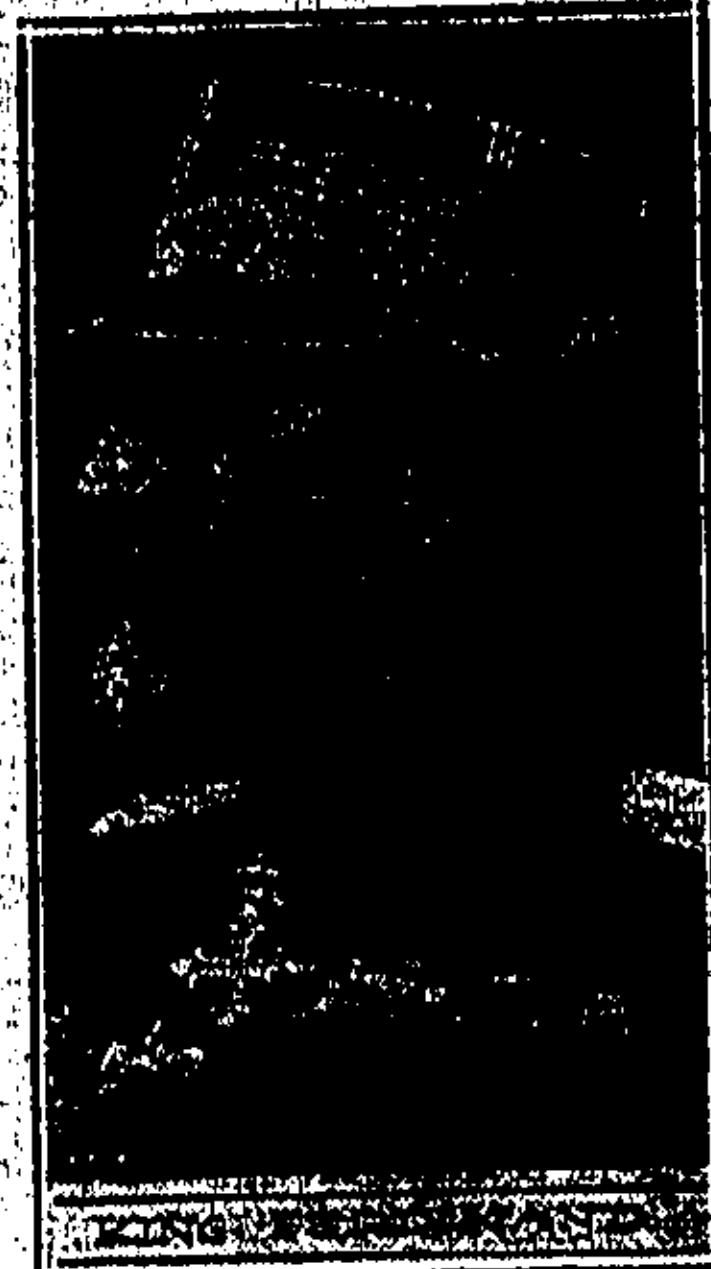
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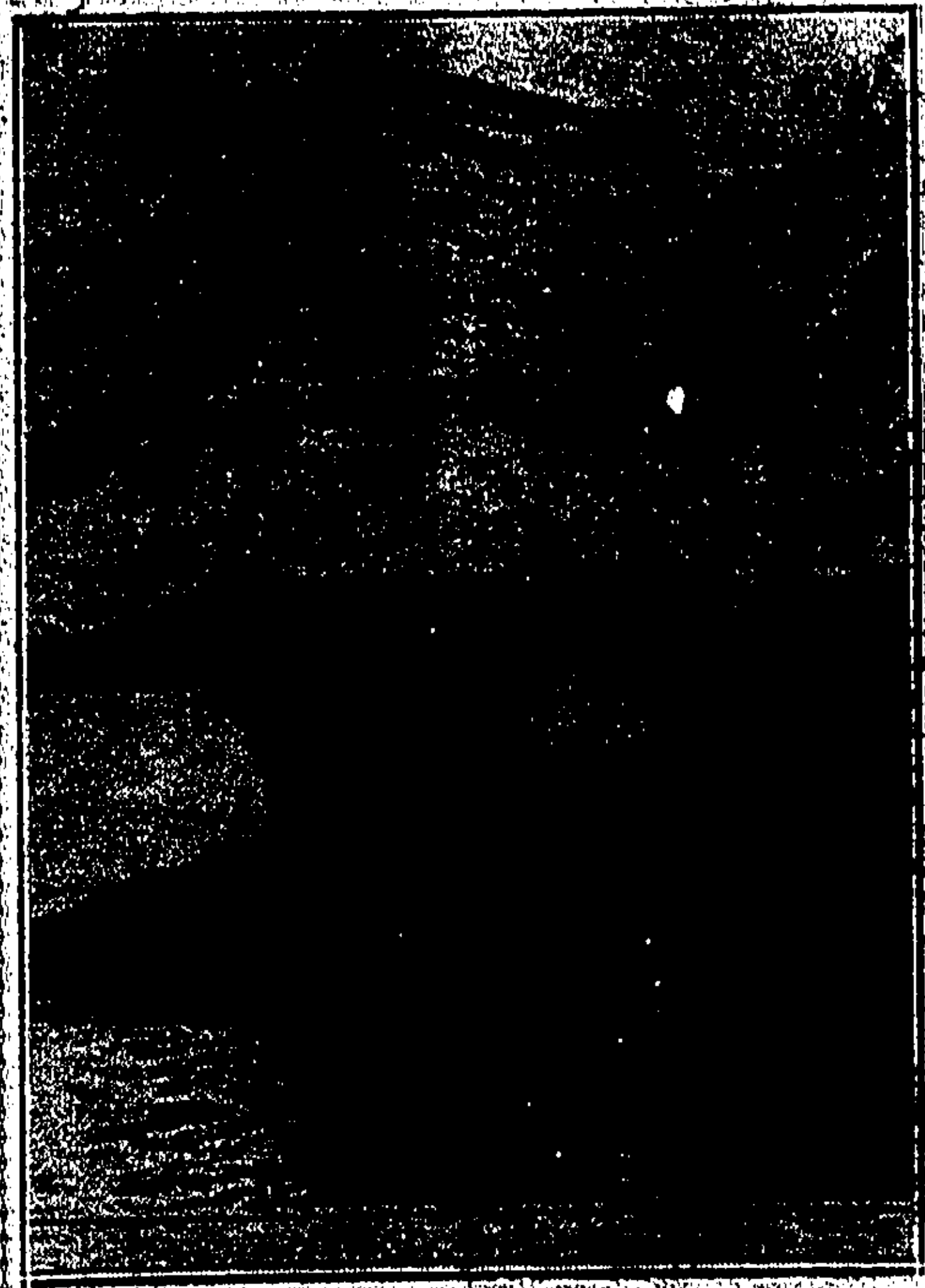
## People and Events in the News of the World



Mrs. M. Blake, the first woman to undertake an expedition to the diamond fields of British Guiana, travelled 27 days in an open boat up the Mazaruni River, crossing dangerous rapids and falls. Her husband is Major Blake.



Communists lying in wait for King Ferdinand of Rumania were surprised by troops and captured. One soldier and one gendarme were killed in the skirmish.



The winds and waves of centuries have so weakened the legs of Table Rock on Lake Erie that it is expected to topple at any moment. It was here that the "Walk in the Water," the first steamboat on the lake, refuelled.



ARCHBISHOP CIEPLAK

Archbishop John Cieplak, of the Roman Catholic Church, was once sentenced to be hanged by Soviet officials.



CLIMBING ON BROOKLYN BRIDGE

August Sarantino, a painter, spends most of his lunch hour learning to play the saxophone high in the strands of Brooklyn Bridge. And his intrepid teacher risks his life climbing high to hear Sarantino hit off a note or two.



PRINCE RUPPRECHT

Prince Rupprecht, 40 of the masses in Bavaria, is reported as ready to get himself up as monarch of the country if he can do so without bloodshed.



PRESIDENT CALLES



EARL OF CARRICK



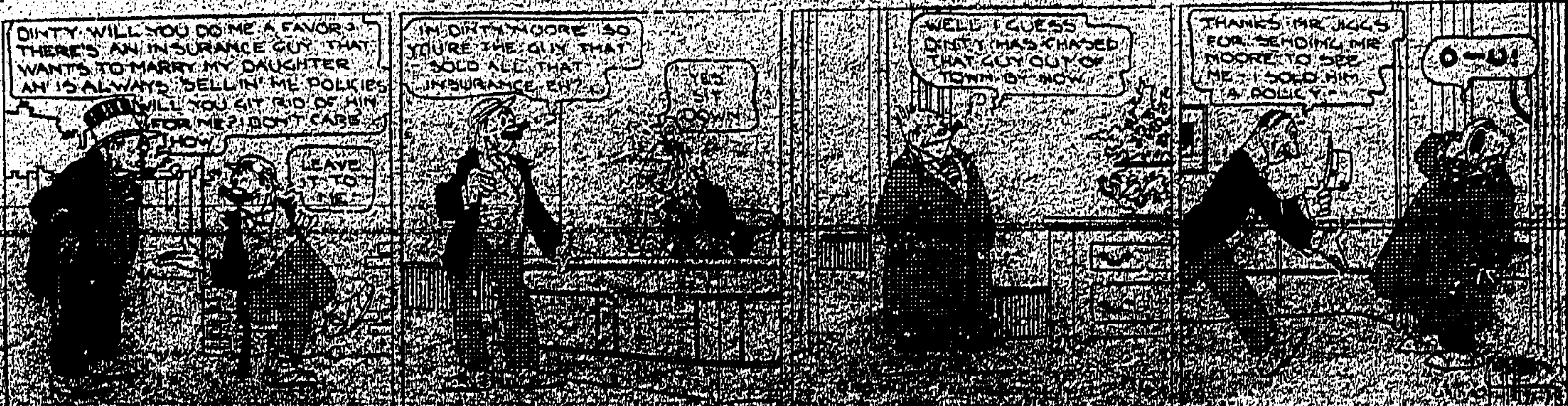
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Through the efforts of President Calles of Mexico, the eight-hour day for labour has been adopted by vote of the Assembly. It now goes to the Senate. The Earl of Carrick is a visitor in New York. Dr. H. A. Millikan reports the discovery of strange new rays, ten miles above the earth, coming from the void. Final tax reductions for America have been placed at \$500,000,000 by Mr. Green, of the Ways and Means Committee.

### BRINGING UP FATHER



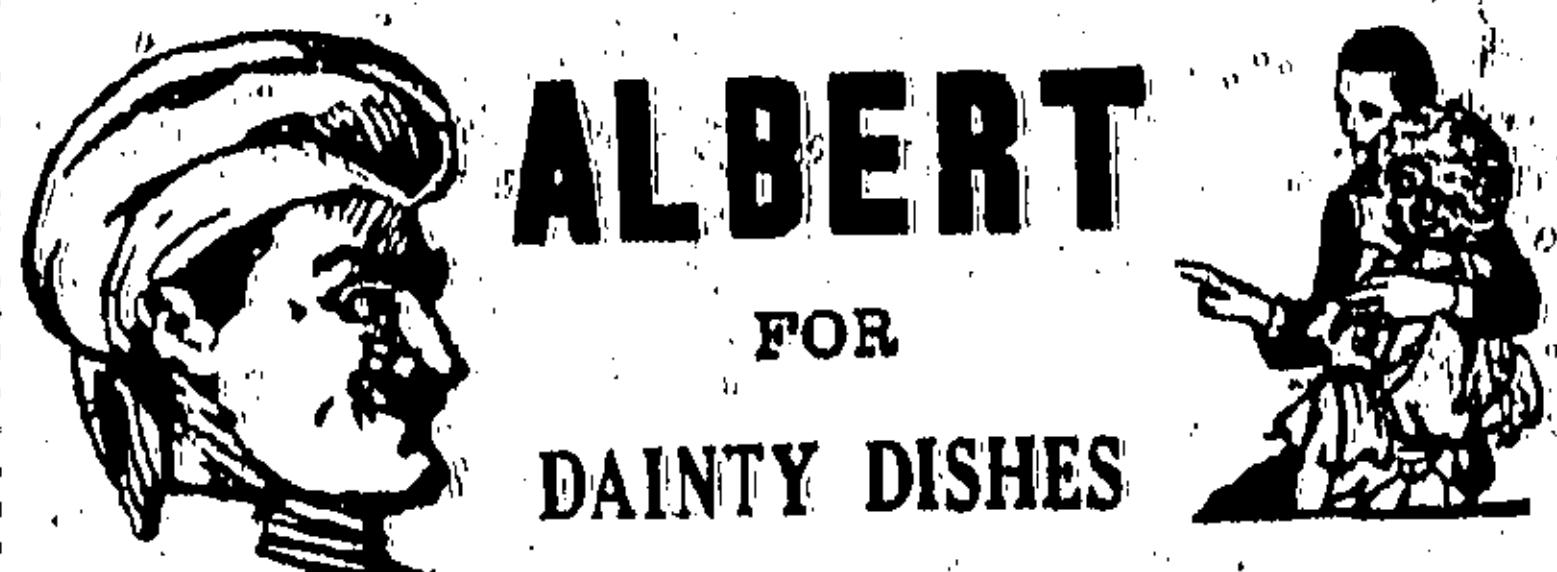
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### HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1823
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1305
Talkoo Sanatorium	1000
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (Afterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Taimoshan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

### 500 YEARS AGO.

#### THE BIRTHDAY OF A CURZON CASTLE.

[The life in England over 500 years ago is glimpsed in these notes, in the "Westminster Gazette," by Bishop Forrest Brown, on how Bodiam Castle, the noble remains of which were left to the nation by the late Lord Curzon, came to be built.]  
 The licence to build Bodiam Castle in Sussex was granted by Richard II. on October 21, 1385, to a warrior, Edward Dalyngridge. Edward had married the heiress of the manor, and set to work to develop it. He got licence for a market and for an annual fair. In 1383, he got, for 6 and 8 pence, leave to divert a stream of water to work his own mill. His manor house stood on an area of one-third of an acre, protected by a narrowish moat, which still exists. This house he got licence to fortify, and afterwards to build a castle for the defence of the adjacent country and for resistance against the king's enemies.

The manor house stood at the foot of the north side of a spur of rock projecting eastward from the high ground about Battle.

#### BODIAM POND.

Out of sight half a mile off, near the top of the south slope of the rock, was Bodiam Pond. This, we suppose, he excavated, and on the site thus obtained he planned the walls of the castle. When they were built the strong springs of water were allowed to collect again, and thus formed the lake in which the castle stands.

The idea of a great castle with huge round corner towers, standing in a great lake of water and approached by a narrow causeway of masonry strictly guarded by barbicans, was no new idea of Dalyngridge. In his piratical harryings of the French coast, to which we must turn later, he must often have seen and studied the castle of Crotoy, on the estuary of the Somme. We have a 13th-century drawing of that castle rising sheer out of a great sheet of water, which might be a first sketch of what was built at Bodiam.

Dalyngridge fortified his manor house and began to build his Castle under grave fears of reprisals. As lately as 1377 the French had taken and burned the castle and town of Rye, at the mouth of the Rother, and their next visit might well take them up the Rother to Bodiam.

#### FRENCH RAIDS.

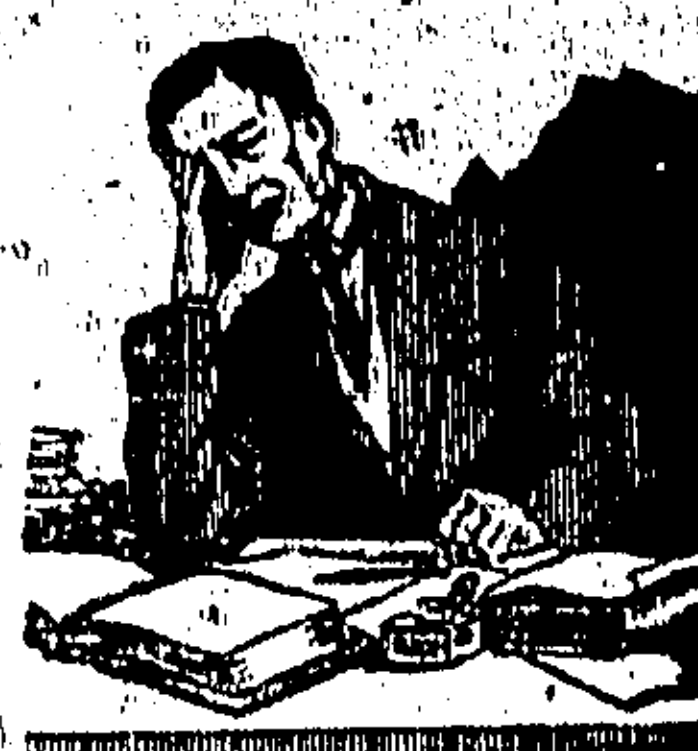
Our Edward had been a companion of Robert Knolys, Calverley, and Hawkhead, three variant English knights who for considerable periods lived in the north of France as a band of

plunderers, seizing castles and lordships, exacting enormous ransoms, especially from ladies whom they captured on surrenders. They amassed large sums of money which they carried home to England. The Dalyngridge share was sufficient to enable him to undertake the building of a great castle to bar the inroads of Frenchmen bent on retaliation. So far as history goes, it served its purpose adequately.

Dalyngridge was Custos of the City of London. We find him in 1391 reporting to the King on an appeal of the King's brother against the Mayor and Sheriffs; and again, in the Church of St. Martin-le-Grand, revising a sentence of the Mayor and Aldermen touching the Lud Gate Prison.

The minister's servant, Sandy, had been sent to clean the wine cellar. Soon afterwards the minister looked in and discovered Sandy draining the bottles of their dregs.

"I am afraid it's no use, Sandy," said the minister, "they're all dead men." "Ye're right, sir," replied Sandy, "but it's guid to ken that the meenister was wi' them when they passed awa'."



### THE BREAKING POINT.

When Brain and Nerves Cry Out For Help.

When you begin to hesitate in speaking, "cannot collect your thoughts," when you find that your ideas become confused, your memory is no longer reliable, you are unable to concentrate on your work, when after slight exertion you feel mentally and physically fatigued, any doctor will tell you that you are in a case bordering on neurasthenia or nervous breakdown, and that unless prompt measures are taken to set matters right, collapse may follow.

Overwork, worry, grief, excess of any nature, or climatic influences such as a long trying spell of hot, damp weather, may have helped to exhaust your physical forces, but the real cause of your enfeebled condition is weak impoverished blood. You know your blood is pure and rich and red—are possessed of nerves capable of meeting all the stresses and strains of daily life. Therefore your duty in order that you may quickly recover health is to immediately commence a course of tonic treatment for your nerves and whole system through the blood.

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A teacher had been telling her class about "Bruce and the Spider," and then she asked if any boy could tell her what lesson it taught them, but no boy seemed to find one.

"Well, I am surprised!" she said, with astonishment, "to think of your dullness. It teaches me a great lesson—especially at this time. Can you tell me what lesson it has for me?"

There was another pause and then a ruddy-faced little chap put up his hand, and exclaimed, in staccato tones—"Please, ma'am, it means for you, keep yer 'ouse clean an' yer won't have spiders crawlin' about."



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D. C. Stephenson, former Grand Dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, is on trial for the murder of a woman shown above.



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